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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 12

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REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 6, 2004, where Claims 25-30 were rejected. Claims 25-30 remain pending.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C § 102 and 103

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 25-29 under 35 U.S.C § 103 as being unpatentable over Long III et al. in view of Yanase et al.